


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For: Novel lysine decarboxylase gene and
method for producing L-lysine**VIA FACSIMILE TO 703 872 9306****REQUEST FOR PTO-892 AND RESTART OF STATUTORY PERIOD**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of an office action dated 31 March 2005 in the above-captioned patent application. The office action is incomplete since a copy of the reference cited on page 8, paragraph 4 of the office action (Sabo et al. Biochemistry 13:670-676 (1974)) was not provided, nor was a PTO-892 provided. This reference is not a US Patent, nor a US Patent Application Publication, so a copy is required to be provided to applicants.

Applicants' representative hereby requests a copy of the cited reference, a proper PTO-892, and that the statutory period for responding to the office action be re-started.

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